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Informational Update

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Greetings from Patty Cantú:

Hello everyone,

There are a couple of events taking place soon that you may be interested in. Unfortunately, they take place at the same time. But, fortunately, both will be archived so that they can be seen at another time.

The first is the House Committee on Education and the Workforce that is conducting a hearing on [Preparing Today's Students for Tomorrow's Jobs: Improving the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act](#) on Tuesday, November 19, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. You can view a live webcast of the hearing at [h](#)

<http://edworkforce.house.gov/webcast/>.

Please note that this feature is only available when the hearings are in progress.

Witnesses:

The Honorable Brenda Dann-Messier
Assistant Secretary for Adult and Vocational Education
United States Department of Education
Washington, D.C.

Dr. Blake Flanders
Vice President of Workforce Development
Kansas Board of Regents
Topeka, KS

Mr. Stanley S. Litow
Vice President, Corporate Citizenship & Corporate
Affairs
President, IBM International Foundation
IBM Corporation
Armonk, NY

Dr. Bryan Albrecht
President
Gateway Technical College
Kenosha, WI

Second: In keeping with quality educator topics we have had at meetings lately, I wanted to be sure you knew that at the State Board of Education meeting tomorrow, there will be a discussion about a comprehensive plan to enhance educator quality in Michigan including increased rigor of the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification.

Here is a link to watch the State Board of Education meetings live: <http://mistreamnet.org/>

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!!

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Career Education Conference

Go to: [Michigan Career Ed Conference Registration Page](#) to register for the 2014 conference.

Breaking Traditions Awards

The Office of Career and Technical Education is seeking nominations for outstanding students, who have been successful in a CTE program area that is nontraditional for their gender, to participate in Michigan's thirteenth annual statewide Breaking Traditions Awards. Please visit our website for more information and the application form.

Regional Improvement Plans

The electronic copy of the Regional Improvement Plan is available on the OCTE website:
www.michigan.gov/octe

NOCTI Assessments

More NOCTI assessments have been added to the list of those recommended for college credit, including the "General Management" and Criminal Justice assessments. Students must achieve a score of 70% to qualify. For more information, go to: [NOCTI](#)

Appropriate Use of Federal Funds in Providing Food at Conferences and Meetings

Perkins funds may only be used for costs that are reasonable, necessary, and allowable. When planning meetings, grantees should carefully review the federal guidelines when considering whether or not to provide food. Grantees must clearly document that hosting such a meeting, conference, or event is consistent with your approved Perkins application, is necessary and reasonable to achieve the goals and objectives of the grant, and that the primary purpose is to disseminate technical information. Please review the letter, including linked documents, from Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent, on this issue. http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/FAQ_CT_SD_432413_7.pdf

Oakland Schools Technical Campus – Northeast

Read the new blog post on the education and business community partnership with OSTC: North Star: Partnering CFE with Biz for 'Ultimate Outcome'! <http://oaklandschoolsmi.com/2013/09/30/north-star/>

Alpena High Hall of Fame

For 12 years, Alpena High School has inducted past graduates into a Hall of Fame to inspire their current students. The purpose is to recognize the successes of alumni and is held as part of their homecoming celebration. This year's inductees included Brad Keen who was a student in the Alpena High School Food Service Program.

Opportunity to Apply for Gender Equity Awards

The Myra Sadker Foundation supports educational equity efforts for students and teachers to advance social justice. Myra Sadker was a pioneer in creating fair classrooms for all students. These awards build upon her work. Applications are due December 1, 2013. To learn more, visit: [Myra Sadker Foundation](#).

- [Dissertation awards](#) designed to financially support doctoral level dissertations that explore or promote educational equity.
- [Teacher awards](#) fund a lesson, unit, or project that promotes fairness and human dignity.
- [Student awards](#) fund projects or activities proposed by students of any age that promote the goals of the Myra Sadker Foundation.

Thought Provoking Video

The YouTube video below was shown at a Genesee ISD conference for Priority schools. After you view the short clip, ask yourself, how many “Caine’s” are in Priority schools and yet fail to reach their full potential? Listen closely and make sure you watch the whole video....it is only about 5 minutes.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=falFNkdq96U>

From NASDCTEc

Visit: [NASDCTEC Fall Meeting Blog Series: Our Future Depends on Putting Tech Education at the Core « NASDCTEc Blog](#)

Scholarship Opportunities

Michigan Council of Women in Technology: [University Programs - Michigan Council of Women in Technology](#)

The mikeroweWORKS Foundation Scholarship Opportunities: [mikeroweWORKS Foundation Scholarship](#)

On Our Website:

Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MCCT) Guidelines for Registration of CTE Students

Information Regarding the North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) Poster Contest and the Courageous Persuaders Video Scholarship Competition

Information on the Chrysler Automotive Design Contest

MOSPA State Award Nomination Forms

Bio for Brad Keen, Alpena High School Hall of Fame inductee

2013 National FFA Results